

OPINION 802

LAEMOPHLOEUS IMMUNDUS REITTER, 1874 (INSECTA, COLEOPTERA): SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *immundus* Reitter, 1874, as published in the binomen *Laemophloeus immundus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *immundus* Reitter, 1874, as published in the binomen *Laemophloeus immundus* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 879.

(3) The specific name *turcicus* Grouvelle, 1876, as published in the binomen *Laemophloeus turcicus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2184.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1649)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. L. P. Lefkovitch in February 1964. Dr. Lefkovitch's application was sent to the printer on 8 May 1964 and was published on 26 November 1964 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 375–376. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to seven entomological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 19 September 1966 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (66)46 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 375–376. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 19 December 1966 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-one (21), received in the following order: Boschma, Holthuis, Simpson, Mayr, Vokes, Obruchev, China, Bonnet, Lemche, Uchida, Jaczewski, Binder, Brinck, Tortonese, Alvarado, Ride, Stoll, Kraus, Mertens, Evans, Forest.

Negative votes—two (2): Munroe, Sabrosky.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): do Amaral, Hubbs.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

Dr. E. G. Munroe (17.xi.66): "This is a clear case in which a nomenclatorial change reflects a change in taxonomic concepts, and not mere resurrection of a bibliographically buried *nomen oblitum*. In my opinion the rules should not be suspended."

Dr. Per Brinck (2.xii.66): "In entomology there are certainly many cases like that described, particularly in little-worked families. According to the applicant the species involved is a pest and the name *turcicus* has been widely used in entomology while *immundus* has been uninterpreted until types were examined. Because of the species being a well-known pest I vote for the application, otherwise I would have felt unable to do so. There must be a serious reason for such a decision in a little-worked group."

Dr. C. W. Sabrosky (5.xii.66): "I am not impressed by any urgent need for conservation. I am more impressed by the facts (1) that there were no comments on what was claimed to be an important species, and (2) that syntypes of the Reitter species and Grouvelle material of the Grouvelle species have long existed side by side in the collection without specialists noting the identity of the two."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

immundus, *Laemophloeus*, Reitter, 1874, *Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien* **24** : 519
turcicus, *Laemophloeus*, Grouvelle, 1876, *Ann. Soc. ent. Fr.* (5) **4** : xxxii

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (66)46 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 802.

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